

**City of Lodi Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes of August 4th, 2020**

1. Call to Order

Chair Hansen called the Public Safety Meeting to Order at 4:00pm.

Committee members present Eric Hansen, Nick Strasser, Steve Clemens (remote)

Others: Julie Ostrander, Mayor Ann Groves-Lloyd, Chief Wayne Smith, Terry Weter, Rich Stevenson, Melissa Randall-O'Neil, Nancy Long, Suzanne Miller (remote)

2. Virtual Etiquette Announcement

Chair Hansen reviewed the virtual etiquette for the meeting.

3. Public Input

Nancy Long introduced herself to the committee. Nancy is a county board supervisor that represents district 27, City of Lodi. This term she is on the County Public Safety Committee. Nancy offered her ability to open lines of communication and continue the close working relationship between the City of Lodi and Columbia County.

4. Approve Minutes from July 7th, 2020

MOTION (Strasser/Hansen) to approve the minutes of the July 7th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

5. Building Permit Monthly Report

The committee reviewed the Lodi Building Permit monthly report.

6. ECCJMC Monthly Report

Groves-Lloyd noted a \$1,000 drop in revenue last month and a \$2,000 drop in revenue this month. Court was not held in April or May due to Covid-19. Court did resume in June. Per Smith traffic contacts were also down due to Covid-19. It was hopeful that an upward trend in revenue would be seen in the next few months.

7. EMS Monthly Report

The committee reviewed the Lodi EMS monthly report. Clemens advised the EMS commission has not met since he has been a council member and that Town of Lodi has not been able to meet. Groves-Lloyd believed that Tom Marx was appointed as the citizen commission member for the Town of Lodi. Strasser questioned the graphics being changed on the undamaged EMS unit and why graphics could not be changed on the damaged unit to match the undamaged unit. Clemens stated he could follow up with Russ Schaefer on this.

8. Fire Department Monthly Report

Miller asked if there was any word on the new fire station. Strasser stated that the Fire Commission will meet next week Wednesday. Expected agenda items include a discussion on the building as well as capitol expenses and forecasting for that.

9. Police Department Monthly Report

Smith noted 453 calls for service in July. Financials were discussed with areas of concern to include recruitment and uniform expenses, based on the resignation of one officer and the last hiring process, as well as fleet maintenance, based on ongoing squad repairs. Smith advised while those line items will go over, the department is under in other areas and felt that the department was on track to remain under budget for the year. Smith did present the 2021 budget to the committee. Clemens raised a question regarding the total public safety proposed budget and a comparison to previous years. Ostrander stated she would add an additional line item in the spreadsheet to show the dollar increase and/or the percentage increase for each line item. Smith noted the majority of the 2021 budget includes an anticipated wage increase for current staff, an additional 600 hours of part-time wages, a forecasted increase of health care costs as well as two new squad cars. Strasser asked Smith for clarification on the estimated increase of overtime hours if we are adding an additional 2 ½ times more part time hours. Smith indicated he budgeted for both as we currently do not have part-time officers but hope to within the year.

10. Recommendation on Original Retail Alcohol License Application-Lodi Shell, 101 N. Main St. MOTION (Strasser/Hansen) to recommend the original retail license application, Lodi Shell, 101 N. Main St. to Common Council with the correction to page 1 to reflect the governing body as the City of Lodi, not the Town of Lodi. Additional discussion occurred on current background checks conducted and background checks of other properties managed by the applicant and other applicants in the future. Hansen expressed that this should be addressed in another discussion and requested a roll call vote. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Clemens, Hansen, Strasser); Nay (0). Motion carried.

11. Discussion/Recommendation Regarding Demonstration Policy

The committee reviewed the Public Assembly Guidelines. Strasser noted a concern that someone may view these guidelines as requirements, and it would help to see additional information at the start of the document that indicates the guidelines are recommended but not required. Groves-Lloyd noted language to reflect in the intro as the City of Lodi supports peaceful assembly, however, to be as safe as possible, we recommend that you follow the below listed guidelines. Smith stated the update to the existing document can be made and this document will be presented at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

12. Update Regarding House Numbers

Groves-Lloyd stated there is no update at this time and a meeting still needs to take place with Steve Tremlett from MSA.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 1st, 2020. Requested agenda items include:

- Capital budget plan for a new police station and committee tour of current police station. (Alder Miller)
- Discussion/Recommendation Regarding Demonstration Policy. (Alder Hansen).

14. Adjourn

MOTION (Strasser/Clemens) to adjourn at 5:05pm. Motion carried.

Minutes by Melissa Randall-O'Neil, Administrative Assistant, Lodi Police Department

APPROVED